

ARTS COMMISSION STUDY SESSION MINUTES



Monday, January 24, 2022

5:45 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

Due to the extreme number of COVID-19 cases in Jackson County, this study session will be held virtually. To attend, click [HERE](#).

The Arts Commission held a study session and discussed the following items:

- **Downtown Medford Association Art Opportunity**

The commission discussed the Fire Storm art piece that was recently considered by city council, how future public art projects should be considered and what process they should go through. E.J. McManus, with the Downtown Medford Association, expressed that the group will seek the arts commission's involvement for future art projects when it involves public funding. He expressed that there is currently an opportunity to collaborate on art piece for downtown Medford and would like commissioners to serve on the selection committee.

- **City Art Inventory & Management**

The commission confirmed the date of February 19 at 11 am, to review the City art inventory currently stored at the Santo Community Center. They plan to place some of the pieces in protective materials to reduce potential damage or deterioration of the artwork.

- **Hawthorne Park Pillar Murals**

Mr. Davidson discussed the importance of the development of the request of proposals for the project and that the commission should intend to have the project completed by the end of the summer. The commission also discussed who would be on the project subcommittee and repair to the current pillars that have been vandalized.

- **Storm Drain/Telecom Box Project**

The commission talked about the current project status and the need to compile a list of art teachers to send the request for proposals to share with their students. Mr. Davidson stated that the student position on the commission will be filled soon and would assist in promoting the project.

- **Southern Oregon Historical Society Fiscal Partnership**

Mr. Davidson stated that he is working on a draft agreement with the Southern Oregon Historical Society as a fiscal partner with the commission. Mr. Nyberg recommended that the agreement be reviewed by the commission and possibly voted on at the next regular meeting.

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- **Commission Co-Chair & New Commission Member Update**

The commission discussed the current vacancy for the vice chair position and that the election will be on the February regular meeting agenda. Mr. Nyberg stated that the open position term would be February through June when commission elections are normally conducted. He also informed the commission of the duties of the co-chair.

Mr. Davidson gave an update on two new commissioners, (one being a student). They will be joining the group next month after their approval at the January 25 parks commission meeting.